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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Bobby Jindal Governor of Louisiana P. O. Box 94004 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Governor Jindal:

I congratulate you on Louisiana's success in meeting the February 17, 2010, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) deadline for using Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF). According to our records, Louisiana reports that all of its ARRA SRF funding is under contract. Thank you for your partnership and leadership in moving Clean Water and Drinking Water projects to construction, bringing needed jobs into the economy.

We know these funds are vital to your state's economy and to improving basic infrastructure for your residents. When leveraged with annual SRF funding, these funds should bring a significant increase in SRF projects to Louisiana. Now that all funding is under contract, we encourage every effort to ensure that outlays proceed at an accelerated pace. EPA stands ready to help you in any way possible as we continue to implement ARRA together.

I encourage you to contact me or have your Recovery official contact Mr. Craig Hooks, Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management and the Agency Senior Responsible Official for ARRA activities, if there are any issues we can help resolve as we move forward. Mr. Hooks can be reached at (202)564-4600 or by email at hooks.craig@epa.gov.

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